THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The placing of items on OGL has been done on the basis of excercises which took into account the status of indigenous industry and its capabilities Placing of the high-technology machinery on OGL will not discourage but facilitate modernisation.

Decision for off-shore supply vessels

2187. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:
SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission revised its earlier decision for off-shore supply vessels and off-shore platform-support-cum stand by vessels from indigenous shipyards to foreign shipyards;

(b) if so, what are the detailed reasons therefor, at what level revised decision was taken and what benefits are likely to accrue to ONGC therefrom;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Indian ship-builders offer prices comparable to the international parity prices plus Government subsidy;

(d) whether it is also a fact that foreign shipyards are setting cheaper raw materials greater Government subsidy and better book position;

(e) if so, whether Government are planning to review its policy in the light thereof; and

(f) if the answer to (e) be in the negative what are the detailed reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Indian shipyards can get a 30 per cent subsidy based on the international parity price. Sometimes the prices quoted by them are even higher than this.

(d) Such statistics are not available.

(e) and (f) No, Sir. The incentives already available to the Indian shipyards fabricating various kinds of vessels for the ONGC are considered adequate.

Financial irregularities by M/s. Lagan Jute Machinery Company Limited, Hooghly, West Bengal

†2188. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint regarding mismanagement of finances and malpractices by M/s. Lagan Jute Machinery Company Limited of Angus, Champdany, Hooghly, West Bengal;

(b) whether any inquiry has been made in this connection and if so, what is the result thereof; and

(c) what steps, Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c). Only one complaint making certain allegations against the management of M/s. Lagan Jute Machinery Company Ltd. has been received from the Lagan Jute Machinery Shramik Karamchari Union. The allegations have been looked into and found to be baseless.

Licences for setting up electronic units in Meghalaya

2189. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of licences and letters of intent issued so far for setting up Electronic Units in Meghalaya;

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